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2. Aliases	Terry, Tom, Randolph Weiss, Norman Prussak			
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AGENCY CHECK FORM

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7 Aug 68

TO: SAIC, San Francisco FBI Office  
450 Golden Gate Avenue  
San Francisco, California 94102

FROM: COMMANDING OFFICER  
FBI - NTC GROUP  
SAN FRANCISCO OF SAN FRANCISCO  
CALIFORNIA 94129

SUBJECT

PRUSSION, Karl

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ADDRESS

OTHER ADDRESSES

PLACE OF BIRTH

DATE OF BIRTH

DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT

RACE	SEX	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLOR OF HAIR	COLOR OF EYES	MARITAL STATUS
	— FEMALE — MALE					

REMARKS

Former CP member and appeared before HUAC. Require only very short synopsis of PRUSSION and if HE was a willing source of FBI and a friendly witness before the HUAC as indicated on page 1921 HUAC Report dated 12 May 1960 re: North. Calif Dist of CP.

COPY RETURNED TO 115th MI Rpp  
ON AUG 13 1968 STAMPED:

RESULT OF CHECK

MR. KARL PRUSSION assisted the FBI by furnishing information on subversive activities from November, 1949, to July, 1958, during which time he was compensated; however, he was not a Special Agent. His personal ventures, his opinions and comments are strictly his own and the FBI is not in a position to comment on these in any way whatsoever.

(from Bull. 606-23)

This result is result of check of FBI files. To check any records, request must be submitted to FBI Identification Division. Fingerprints are necessary for positive check.

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FBI - San Francisco

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June 5, 1967

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[REDACTED]  
31-6661-13 m 31  
The Morning News  
Post Office Box 5228  
San Leandro, California 94578

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of May 20th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, Mr. Karl Prusson assisted this Bureau by furnishing information on subversive activities from November, 1946, to July, 1958, during which time he was compensated; however, he was not a Special Agent. His personal ventures, his opinions and comments are strictly his own and the FBI is not in a position to comment on these in any way whatsoever.

Further, Mr. Elliott N. Davison entered on duty in this Bureau in a clerical capacity on April 20, 1948, and served as such until September 26, 1948, when he was placed on leave without pay to enter the military service. He returned to duty on January 9, 1949, and continued to perform clerical functions until he voluntarily resigned effective August 31, 1949. At that time he was occupying the clerical position of Special Employee, having been assigned to that particular position on July 1, 1948.

Special Employees perform investigative duties of a limited investigative nature as compared with major investigatory responsibilities assigned to employees occupying the Special Agent positions. He was never a Special Agent of this Bureau.

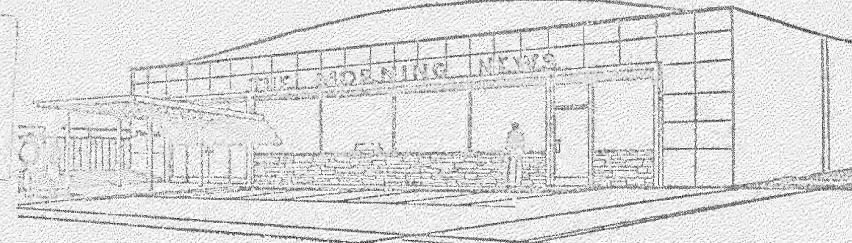
Sincerely yours,

① - San Francisco - Enclosure

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May 29, 1967

Personnel Officer  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

On numerous occasions, two speakers have been introduced in various Alameda County appearances as "former undercover agents of the FBI"...." special agents of the FBI, investigating communism in the bay area"....and "FBI agents, specializing in investigation of communism, able to name names and places in the bay area."

These two men are Rev. Elliot Paulsen and Karl Prussion.

Your San Francisco office has informed our paper that neither man was ever retained in an agent capacity, with Paulsen being employed as a clerk and no record of any employment for Prussion.

I would appreciate it if your central office could verify this information, since both men still maintain they were, indeed, undercover agents of the FBI.

Thank you for your clarification of this matter.

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Cordially,

(initials)

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# Memorandum

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TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

DATE: 3/28/66

FROM : *PHS/*  
SAC, DETROIT (100-1828) (RUC)

SUBJECT: KARL PRUSSION  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION  
CONCERNING  
(OO: San Francisco)

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On March 15, 1966, [redacted] of the "Kalamazoo Gazette", daily newspaper, and SAC contact, Kalamazoo, Michigan, telephonically advised SA V. LEMAR CURRAN that KARL PRUSSION, Oroville, California, married [redacted]

[redacted] on March 9, 1966, at Las Vegas, Nevada.

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[redacted] and PRUSSION reportedly attended a convention of the Republican Party in California during March, 1966.

Enclosed for San Francisco are two copies of an article which appeared in the March 15, 1966, issue of the "Kalamazoo Gazette" relative to the marriage of PRUSSION and [redacted]

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**FORMER BEATRICE HARTMAN****WMU Faculty Member,  
Karl Prussion Married**

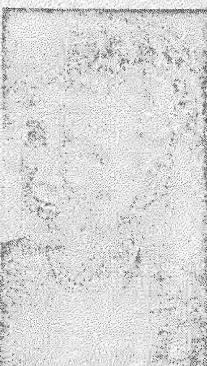
The marriage of Karl Prussion — controversial former Communist and now a conservative lecturer and writer — to a Western Michigan University faculty member was disclosed today.

Prussion, 37, and Miss Beatrice Hartman, 41, an assistant professor of speech at WMU, were married March 9 in Las Vegas, Nevada according to an announcement from her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frederic Welbourne Hartman of Birmingham, Mich.

A resident of Croville, Calif., Prussion describes himself as a member of the Communist party for 26 years and a counter-spy for the Federal Bureau of Investigation for 12 years. He has appeared in Kalamazoo on several occasions under the auspices of various conservative groups. His latest local appearance was at Southgate Inn in February after he and various WMU groups were unable to reach an agreement on a campus program. He is currently on a lecture tour.

The new Mrs. Prussion is active in the Republican Women's Club of Kalamazoo County and is an adviser to the Young Republican Club at WMU.

~~She is a 1946 graduate of Den-~~



MRS. KARL PRUSSION  
Wed in Las Vegas

ison University and received her master's degree from the University of Michigan in 1948. She joined the WMU faculty in 1957 after serving in the communication skills department of Michigan State University.

Mr. and Mrs. Prussion will reside in Kalamazoo.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

13 Kalamazoo Gazette  
Kalamazoo, Mich.

Date: 3/15/66  
Edition: Home  
Author:  
Editor: Daniel M. Ryan  
Title: KARL PRUSSION

Character:  
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Classification: 100  
Submitting Office: Detroit  
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450 Golden Gate Avenue, Box 36015  
San Francisco, California 94102  
March 25, 1968

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[Redacted]  
Castro Valley, California

Dear [Redacted]

This will acknowledge your letter of March 18, 1968, requesting information on any government publication containing the background of Elliott Paulson and Karl Prussion.

This office has no information on Elliott Paulson.

With regard to Karl Prussion, this is to advise you that he assisted this Bureau by furnishing information on subversive activities from November, 1948 to July, 1958, during which time he was compensated; however, he was not a Special Agent. Personal ventures, his opinions and comments are strictly his own, and the FBI is not in a position to comment on these in any way whatsoever.

Very truly yours,

Curtis O. Lynne  
Special Agent in Charge

1 - Addressee  
2 - San Francisco (1 - 100-0)  
      (1) - 134-7 (Karl Prussion)  
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TO : SAC, S.F. (134-7)

DATE: MARCH 9, 1966

FROM : [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: KARL PRUSSIAN

Attached here was made available by the HAYWARD Police Dept. Booklet written by Karl Prussion "California Dynasty of Communism."

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United States Government  
MEMORANDUM

To: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

From: SA EDWARD J. O'FLYNN

Subject: (New)

Date: FEB 11 1966

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1 26 67 Y(Old)  
KARL PRUSSON  
P O BOX 559  
GROVILLE CALIF  
1 26 66 Y"PEOPLE'S WORLD" SUBSCRIBERS  
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FEB 10 1966

On [redacted] furnished to SA EDWARD J. O'FLYNN the change in the "People's World" (PW) subscription address, as reflected above. No further record of this information is being retained in the informant's file or other files of the San Francisco Office. The PW is a West Coast communist newspaper published weekly in San Francisco.

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[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, is in a position to furnish up-to-date information on the subscription list of the PW. Any disclosure of the fact that current subscription information is available to the FBI would immediately identify the informant as its source. Therefore, it is requested that current interviews and investigation of subjects be handled circumspectly in this regard.

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[redacted] advised that the subscription code below the mailing address has the following significance: The date indicated is the expiration date. A "Y" behind this date indicates a yearly subscription and a "6" indicates a 6-month subscription. The "WE" indicates a weekend subscription, which applies in all cases now that the paper is only published weekly. A "C" designates charger subscribers; an "LTS" designates life-time subscription, and an "N" indicates a new subscriber. A "CO" means that the subscription is complementary.

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Date: 2/3/68

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Via TELETYPE URGENT  
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TO: DETROIT (100-1828)  
FROM: SAN FRANCISCO (134-7)

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MISCELLANEOUS DASH POLICE COOPERATION MATTER.

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BUREAU CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION AND INVESTIGATION,  
SACRAMENTO, SHOWS NO PERMIT FOR PRUSSION TO CARRY WEAPON  
IN CALIFORNIA. NO RECORD OROVILLE, CALIFORNIA, OF PERMIT  
ISSUED TO PRUSSION, WHO HAS LIVED RECENTLY IN OROVILLE.  
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[REDACTED] SHOWS THIS WEAPON LAST REGISTERED NOVEMBER NINETEEN  
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OROVILLE, AND REGISTERED WITH SO BUTTE COUNTY, WHERE  
OROVILLE LOCATED. RUC

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(Above investigation conducted by [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] He determined last  
entry at CII re PRUSSION was 9/24/67  
by PD, San Jose, on violation Section  
2108, California Unemployment Insurance  
Code.)

Approved: [Signature] Sent: \_\_\_\_\_ M Per: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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Date received 1/11/66	Received from (name or symbol number) [redacted] b7D	Received by SA [redacted] b6 b7C
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Method of delivery (check appropriate blocks)  
 in person  by telephone  by mail  orally  recording device  written by Informant

If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent: Dictated Date 1/14/66 to (rough draft)	Date of Report 1/13/66
Transcribed 1/20/66 (Steno) [redacted] b6 Authenticated by Informant b7C	Date(s) of activity 1/11/66

Brief description of activity or material Information about regular Dunn Unit meeting 1/11/66; furnished names of officers, members present; furnished names of members of Meadow Township Unit; furnished information about State Klan meeting 1/15-16/66; general Klan information about Dunn Unit.	File where original is located if not attached [redacted] b6 b7C
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Remarks:  
Informant advised on 1/13/66 he learned that [redacted] Betsy Johnson Hospital, Dunn, N. C., was sworn into Dunn Woman's Unit either 1/31/65 or 1/7/66. Informant also stated [redacted] is a member of Dunn Women's Unit and is wife of [redacted] of Dunn Unit.

The public servants questionnaire mentioned in this report is identical to questionnaire attached to Agent's Memo No. 429 dated 11/23/65. Informant had a copy of this questionnaire but same was not obtained.

Copies of this report being designated for San Francisco in view of information set out regarding affidavit of KKK FINANCES, apparently a San Francisco informant in Communist Party, Santa Clara County, Calif.

1 - [redacted]	1 - 157-1116 (DEPT RUN)	b6
1 - 157-230 (UKA)	1 - 157-795 (HUSA)	b7C
1 - 157-490 (DUNN)	1 - 157-1470 (DUNN LADIES)	b7D
1 - 157-1466 [redacted]	1 - 157-1505 (KLAN FINANCES)	b7D
1 - 157-730	12 - SAN FRANCISCO (RM)	
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1 - 157-1677 [redacted]	(16)	
1 - 157-641 [redacted] 0119	Block Stamp.	
1 - 157-1472 (MEADOW OWN HIGH SCHOOL #116)		
1 - 157-1903 [redacted] 157-1516		

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especially the FBI, and is questioned about his Klan activities.

[redacted] stated the Federal Officer will probably not furnish information for this questionnaire and will leave without asking any questions. [redacted] also stated that no member should divulge the names of any Klansmen to anyone, but stated it was all right to tell people that he, the member, is a Klansman.

Photostatic copies of an affidavit signed by a KARL PRUSSIAN and notarized in California, on September 28, 1963, were passed out to several members. This affidavit reflects that KARL PRUSSIAN was a counterspy for the FBI from 1947 to 1960 and from 1954 to 1958, he, PRUSSIAN, attended at least five Communist Party meetings in Santa Clara County, California, which meetings were also attended by Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. This affidavit stated that Dr. KING was either a Communist, or a Communist Sympathizer, and would accept advice, money and anything else from the Communists. This affidavit was ... rized by GEORGE E. STARLES on September 28, 1963.

[redacted] and other members discussed the Klan hearings now going on in Washington, D. C., by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. They told of testimony given in the hearings but said the hearing would be about the same as before. [redacted] stated he did not think anyone from Dunn would be called before the Committee in

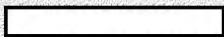
Washington, D. C., to testify, but if they were called they would act the same as other Klansmen and invoke the 5th amendment on questions concerning their Klan activities.

[redacted] talked about the Klan insurance policy available to members. He stated this insurance policy pays up to \$999.50 to the widow or beneficiary of a deceased Klansman. The cost is \$5 to join and \$1 per month. [redacted] explained the reason the policy is only \$999.50 and not an even \$1,000 is due to some Federal and State insurance regulations which the Klan would have to follow if payments were \$1,000 or more. [redacted] stated apparently the Klan would have to have an insurance broker's license to pay an even \$1,000 and the books and records would probably have to be reviewed by Federal and State officers.

[redacted] stated he believes there are about ten members of the Dunn Unit who already have this insurance and he wants to get at least six more members to join this year. [redacted] stated the quota for the Dunn Unit is three members and he wants to double that figure to 6 new members. Apparently each unit of the North Carolina Klan has a quota to fill each year with respect to the issuance of insurance to new members.

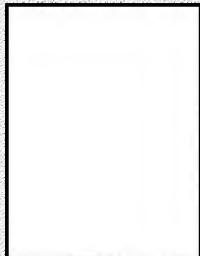
In addition to the aforementioned members, the following members were present at the meeting:

(First Name Unknown) [redacted] - this member is the father of [redacted] the Klaliff of the Dunn Unit.



[redacted] (last Name Unknown) - described as middle 30's,

5 feet 9 inches, 225 pounds, dark brown hair.



[redacted] employed Anco Exterminating Company, Dunn.

(First Name Unknown) [redacted], Route #5, Dunn.

[redacted] (Last Name Unknown), drives 1964 Ford, color blue

[redacted] employed Nance Vending Machine Company,

Dunn.

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## Eds Deluding Us, Says Ex-FBI Man

A once-time undercover agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation warned here yesterday that Communists have embarked on a program of "legalized illegalities" to gain more power in the United States.

Karl Prusson of Grovillle, Calif., made this observation while speaking to members of the American Business Club and guests at a public meeting.

Prusson worked 12 years for the FBI, in California as a consultant. This took place while he served as a member and executive officer of the Communist Party in this country.

Operating under the guise of "peace and humanitarianism," Prusson said, a "hard core organization of fanatic Communists" have deluded countless thousands of Americans that they are working only for the good of the country.

"These doctrinaire invitations merely trappings to hide the true purpose of their mission," the speaker asserted. The recent Watts riots in Los Angeles, he said, were born out by this philosophy. The result of the tragedy was that the very people who were to be helped, found themselves the losers, he said.

Prusson said the California campus protests and demonstrations were instigated by only a small minority. "Here again, the entire student body has been made to suffer." Prusson, who has spoken frequently on campuses, said students generally are not supporting the so-called "student peace movement."

Prusson said "most of the students I have met have been embarrassed by the publicity from the riots, parades and card burnings."

The speaker warned that Communists are taking advantage of the war on poverty programs, job corps operations and other opportunities devised to help raise standards within this country as a major tool to "bury us."

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The Charleston Gazette

Charleston,  
West Va.

Date: 11-24-65  
Edition: Final  
Author:  
Editor: JACK J MAURICE  
Title: KARL PRUSSON  
Character: (RPL)  
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Classification:  
Submitting Office: Pittsburgh  
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### *Alleged Red For FBI Slates Two Speeches*

A Californian who allegedly joined the Communist party, then became an undercover agent for the FBI, will make two speeches in Charleston Tuesday.

Karl Prussion of Los Altos, Calif., will address the American Business Club at its luncheon at Marlin's Midtown Motel, then at 7:30 p. m. he will speak at a meeting at the Ruffner-Milner Hotel sponsored by John Brawley American Legion Post.

Prussion reportedly joined the Communist party while a student at Wayne State University in Detroit and was in the party 26 years.

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IN 1947 he became an FBI informant and served through 1958. In 1960 he was a witness at the House Un-American Activities Committee hearings on the San Francisco student riots.

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The Charleston Gazette

Charleston,  
West Va.

Date: 11-19-65  
Edition: Valley  
Author:  
Editor: HARRY HOFFMANN  
Title: KARL PRUSSION  
Former Informant  
Character:  
or  
Classification:  
Submitting Office: Pittsburgh  
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Sgt. S.  
11/20/65

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## Ex-Communist, Spy For FBI, To Speak Here

A former FBI counterspy and a member of the Communist Party for 26 years will be in Charleston next Tuesday for two speaking appearances.

Karl Prussion of Los Altos, Calif., will speak to members of the American Business Club during their luncheon meeting at Marvin's Midtown Motel. The John Brawley American Legion will sponsor his appearance that evening in the dining room of the Ruffner-Milner Hotel, Kanawha Boulevard. The program will begin at 7:30 p. m.

Prussion joined the Communist Party while he was a student at Wayne State University, Detroit. In 1947 he became an undercover agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, serving through 1953.

In 1960, Prussion was one of two friendly witnesses at the hearings of the House Committee on Un-American Activities that probed the Students' San Francisco, Calif., city hall riots.

His talk here will be "Wake Up America." During his lecture, Prussion will explore why Americans join the Communist Party and what makes them become disillusioned with its activities.

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The Charleston  
Daily Mail

Charleston,  
West Va.

Date: 11-18-65  
Edition: Final  
Author:  
Editor: JACK MAURICE

Title:  
**KARL PRUSSION**  
**FORMER INFORMANT**

Character:  
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TO : SAC (134-7)

DATE: 10/11/65

FROM : RICHARD E. STEPHENS, SA

SUBJECT: KARL PRUSSIAN  
(former SF 1740-S)  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 10/11/65 CSSF 33-S advised that PRUSSIAN can now be located at 730 Bird Street, Oroville, telephone 533-8262, P.O. Box 559, where he publishes "Heads Up".

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SIXTY EIGHT INFORMATION THAT HE IS STAYING AT THE  
MILITARY LAW COMMITTEE, PLEASE, AGAIN FIVE ELEMENTS THROUGH  
EIGHT OR OTHER POSITION, INSISTANT, LEAVING COUNTRY OCTOBER  
FIFTEEN, NEXT, DUE TO SUPPORT NAZI'S ARMY, FOR SPEAKING  
PRO-GERMAN. WILL SPEAK OCTOBER FIFTEEN, ND, AGAIN COUNTRY  
STAYING AT LIMA SISONE MOTEL AT LARSON. MOVE FOR  
INTERROGATION. SEE ATTACHED

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FBI WASH. - PROVISIONAL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-188678)  
FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-57571)  
FBI MEMPHIS LETTER WIRE, 97.  
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To Director, Atlanta, and LHM in Memphis, 7/13/68.

The Bureau, Atlanta, and San Francisco are well aware of affidavits to establish and deny which have been received from all over the country. In the former San Francisco informant may have become a confidential informant.

No further news taken up action.

3 - GARDNER (200-57571)  
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Via AIRTEL  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670) (100-442529)  
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-35356) (100-41324)  
SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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Referral/Consult

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau is the original and 15 copies of a LHM reflecting information concerning MARTIN LUTHER KING; enclosed for offices designated are copies of LHM equal to the number of copies designated.

Review of Chicago Office files disclosed one reference to the name KARL PRUSSIAN, 100-0-5728.



The Bureau and San Francisco are requested to furnish Chicago with any pertinent information concerning this document and/or KARL PRUSSION or PRUSSIAN.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Chicago, Illinois  
August 19, 1965

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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On August 15, 1965, [REDACTED] Cicero, Illinois, appeared at the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, at which time he made available a one-page document with the center heading "AFFIDAVIT," a copy of which is attached to this memorandum, in which Karl Prussion claims to be a former counter spy for the Federal Bureau of Investigation from 1947 to 1960, and in which he states that Martin Luther King has either been a member of, or wittingly has accepted support from, over sixty Communist fronts, individuals and/or organizations, which give aid to or espouse Communist causes. This affidavit is dated September 28, 1963, by a Notary Public.

[REDACTED] advised he had obtained this document at a Jewel Tea Store in the 4600 block of West Roosevelt Road, on August 11, 1965, and was making same available since he believed it would be of interest to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO DATE: 5/12/65

FROM : SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (100-0) -RUC-

SUBJECT: KARL PRUSSION  
INFORMATION CONCERNING- SM

Enclosed to San Francisco and Los Angeles is one copy each of a Xerox copy of an "affidavit" subscribed and sworn before GEORGE E. SEARLES, Notary Public, on 9/28/63 by KARL PRUSSION.

It is noted the affidavit is explanatory in content.

On 4/30/65, [REDACTED] Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, who operates a Roto-Rooter Service, telephonically advised that he obtained the aforementioned copy of an affidavit from [REDACTED] who is a custodian at Pennsylvania Avenue Christian Church, 1301 North Pennsylvania, Oklahoma City, who informed that he had obtained the copy of the affidavit at Jackson Drug, 12th and North Pennsylvania, Oklahoma City on the morning of 4/30/65, from one [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Oklahoma City. [REDACTED] resides at this address and operates the Harback Printing Company in a garage to the rear of this address. [REDACTED] reported that [REDACTED] related that he met [REDACTED] at the drugstore where [REDACTED] usually has coffee and that in this instance [REDACTED] gave [REDACTED] a copy and [REDACTED] noted that [REDACTED] had additional copies of the above described affidavit in his possession.

This communication is directed to San Francisco inasmuch as the copy of the affidavit shows KARL PRUSSION resided at Los Altos, California, in 1958.

A copy of this communication is directed to Los Angeles, inasmuch as SAC Letter 62-29- dated 5/22/62 under a caption "Silent Guardians, Inc." reflects KARL PRUSSION was identified as an officer of that organization.

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It is noted [redacted] furnished a copy of the above mentioned affidavit to the Oklahoma City Division via U. S. Mail, same being received 5/3/65.

No further action is being taken in the matter by the Oklahoma City Division.

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REGISTERED MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)  
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (100-15079) (RUC)  
SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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For Information Bureau, Atlanta and San Francisco  
on 4/22/65, [REDACTED] Shaeen Cleaners, West Palm Beach,  
Florida, advised SA [REDACTED] of the following  
information:

He had just received from a priest friend in another  
state, whose identity he did not wish to reveal, a letter  
enclosing an affidavit. This affidavit was signed by KARL PRUSSLAN  
before Notary GEORGE E. GURLES. The place executed was not  
shown on the affidavit, but it was dated 9/26/63. In this  
affidavit PRUSSLAN stated he was a "former counter spy for  
the FBI" during the years 1947 - 1960, and from 1954 to 1956  
attended CP meetings in Santa Clara County, California. One  
of the persons in attendance at these CP meetings was MARTIN  
LUTHER KING, JR.

[REDACTED] advised he was attempting to verify  
PRUSSLAN's position as an informant for the FBI as set

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forth in the affidavit before using this information concerning KING. He refused to furnish any further information and would not permit the affidavit to be examined. He was advised all information concerning CP obtained by the FBI was confidential and could not be furnished to him.

He stated he intends to write to the Department of Justice inquiring concerning the affidavit and PRUSSIAN.

Miami files negative regarding KARL PRUSSIAN.

If Atlanta, San Francisco and Bureau not already aware existence this affidavit, San Francisco may desire to make inquiry regarding present location of PRUSSIAN in order that he may be interviewed regarding the presence of subject at mentioned CP meetings.

San Francisco advise Bureau concerning the identity of PRUSSIAN if Bureau not already advised.

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**Noon Speaker**

Karl Prussion, ex-Communist and former FBI undercover agent, will speak at noon today on Sproul Hall Steps.

Prussion, presently the editor of the anti-Communist monthly "Heads Up," is the author of the controversial "California Dynasty of Communism," which accuses Governor Brown and his administration of Communist sympathies. The book was denied publication rights during the gubernatorial elections.

The speech is being sponsored by the University Society of Libertarians.

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450 Golden Gate Avenue, Box 36015  
San Francisco, California 94102  
April 14, 1965

Mr. Robert T. Ingram  
President  
The Union  
P. O. Box 1025  
Grass Valley, California

Dear Mr. Ingram:

Your recent inquiry concerning Mr. Karl Prueson has been received.

Karl Prueson assisted the FBI by furnishing information on subversive activities from November, 1949 to July, 1958. During this time he was compensated for the information which he furnished; however, he was not and never has been a Special Agent or an employee of the FBI. His personal ventures, opinions and comments are strictly his own and this Bureau is not in a position to comment on these in any way whatsoever.

Sincerely,

Curtis O. Lynam  
Special Agent in Charge

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Agent in Charge,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Federal Building,  
Leavenworth at Market,  
San Francisco,  
California.

Gentlemen:

We have recently had a visit and lecture ~~about~~ by Karl Prussion. Some of our citizens are quite stirred up.

I recall some time in the past, in connection with another or series of Prussion visits and lectures, that the FBI issued a statement or announced a policy or detailed Prussion's one time association with the FBI.

If available may I have a copy of that statement or policy or the FBI position on Prussion.

Very truly yours,

Robert T. Ingram

Robert T. Ingram

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## Prussion Lauds Birch Society, Decries Apathy

Karl Prussion, the controversial former Communist who became an informant for the FBI, described the John Birch Society as "a dedicated organization of men and women committed to the fight against communism."

Prussion addressed the Oroville Exchange Club at its luncheon yesterday, saying that the apathy of the American people was one of communism's most effective weapons in its subversive activities.

He told the club that, after testifying before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in San Francisco in 1960, he had "given up" his personal fight against communism.

Prussion said it was not until he saw "a dedicated group of Americans commit themselves to this fight" that he decided to actively campaign against the menace.

The controversial figure said whenever individuals like him, or organizations like the controversial speaker,

Birch Society appear, "we are called fascists, racists and controversial speakers by the liberal left-wingers."

Prussion used the Exchange Club address as another forum for his legal battle with Virginia Franklin, a Paradise school teacher whom he has sued for \$606,000 in damages.

He told the audience that addresses in five areas schools were cancelled because "Virginia Franklin, because she is Communist - oriented in her left-wing beliefs - wanted them cancelled."

Prussion accused Governor Brown, Stanley Mosk and Alan Cranston of "collaborating" and furthering the programs of the Communists in California."

He also accused President Johnson of supporting a legislative program "that embraces tenets of communism."

Prussion drew a chuckle from his audience when, in answer to a question about his present employment, he said, "Generally I'm working as a self-employed controversial speaker."

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Prusion Vows He'll Speak in County's High Schools**

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## Pruission Makes Vow In Sunday Speech

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pearance at Chico State College by Mickey Lina, Prussion said that Lina, whom he listened to in Communist cell meetings at which Lina gave instructions and heard other cell workers' reports, was a criminal. Prussion offered that Lina should not be given the prestige of public institutions podiums to further his cause of ultimate destruction of the American way of life.

Prussion said Lina spoke at Berkeley High School immediately after his appearance at Chico State College. "Virginia Franklin did not protest that," he noted.

He outlined some of the objectives of Communist party workers in the U.S., such as infiltration of organizations, using democratic establishments toward their ultimate destruction, and some of the rigorous training courses given to cell groups in America by instructors trained in Moscow.

He said that a familiar tactic is that of degrading law enforcement officers, and of contriving incidents that will perpetrate the cry of "police brutality."

Prussion commented on badges reading "Free Speech - Yes, Cops - No" which he said were in evidence on the CSC campus, and "some of them reached Paradise High School, I understand."

He described many of the so-called intellectuals, scholars and "left-wing liberals" with being the unwitting or unwilling dupes of extremely skillful infiltration or dissemination of objectives of the Communist movement.

A remarkable contrast was evident at the Sunday afternoon program at Memorial Hall here toward the matter of picture-taking. An outcry was raised when law enforcement officers took motion pictures of the audience at Chico State College when Lina was featured.

Here, the entire proceedings and probably the entire audience was filmed throughout the 1½ hour presentation by cameras from CBS, represented by its Channel 2 KNXT station. The TV network did a feature on Mrs. Franklin some time ago, and has carried items concerning her publicity from time to time.

Several adults and some students asked questions from the floor, asked if he felt the Asilomar human rights conference were actually infiltrated by Communists. Prussion replied that it was not important whether a Communist was actually directing the action, but that this type of thinking is noted in the seminars.

He was asked about the Minutemen, and replied that moves are current in the California legislature to make any type of group training for protection illegal. Prussion said that training sought by people to protect themselves and their families is a citizen's right, but "private

army" objectives are not. A student, Suzette Apperson, challenged the speaker in support of Mrs. Franklin. "Isn't it a fact you have refused to discuss this with Mrs. Franklin? She told us she had a meeting arranged and you never came," the girl declared.

"This is not true," Prussion replied. "If Mrs. Franklin arranged a meeting she forgot to invite or notify me." He added that the teacher continues her activities, and commented, "I think I have more reason to sue her than she has to sue the American Legion," which brought a reaction of applause from the large crowd.

Terry Schmidt, another high school student queried if Prussion did not feel that high school seniors and college students were mature enough to hear both sides of philosophical issues and make proper decisions on which is right?

"Your students are still learning," Prussion declared. He explained that if a persuasive speaker in behalf of the Lenin theory enlists five students out of several thousand, it is tragic. He pointed out that many years ago he was inspired enough by speakers, to join the Communist party.

"One such student killed the President of the United States," he calmly noted, and repeated that criminals should not talk before students.

He stressed however, that the theory, objectives and nature of Communism and its world-wide goals should be taught in the proper manner, but not by inviting known Communist supporters or members to be the "teachers."

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## Prussion Wouldn't Permit Commie Speakers on Campus

By TOM DEENTS

CHICO, Calif.—Peter Prussion, the 26-year-old and popular FCC University spokesman, said yesterday he would not let a Communist speak at his university and that he has a \$30,000 lawsuit pending to prove it. Spoke last night in the Hotel Oaks Ballroom.

He also played a record and sold political materials.

The small, gray-haired man spoke on "Will the Red Communist Mickey Lura Please Stand Up?" The title refers to Albert J. Lima, a Communist party official who spoke at Chico State College earlier this month.

Prussion told his audience of 175 that it was regrettable Lima was invited to speak at Chico State. He said Communists "do one way and then do the same other way."

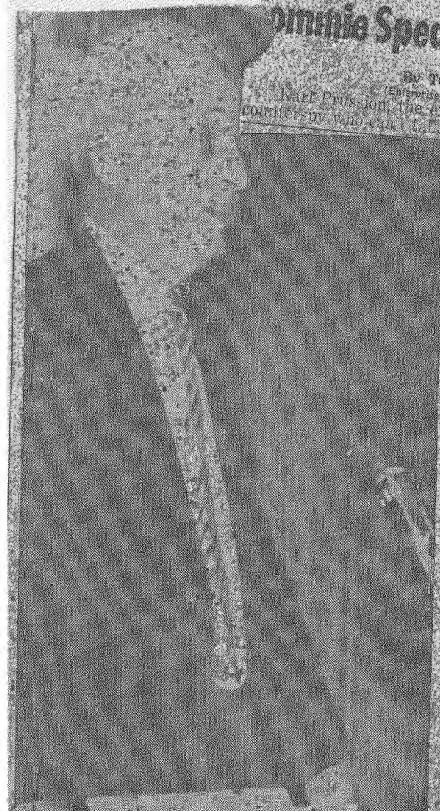
He said it is "unfortunate for America" that other free liberal professors who "sit in their white towers" and teach "that communism is a political philosophy and a political party which should be studied."

Prussion said these "colonels and professors" are among "probably the most reactionary segment of our society today." He said they are destroying the innocence of America" in their fight against communism.

He warned that they "are helping lead America to a dictatorship where our freedoms will be lost." He added that "it is really wrong, morally wrong, to invite a Communist to talk" at a college.

The former Communist and now FBI counter-intelligence spy played a recording which he called a

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**PRUSSION SPEAKS OUT** — Peter Prussion, ex-Communist and former FBI counter-intelligence spy, played a recording which he called a

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## Prussion Wouldn't Permit Red Speakers

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"and re-enactment" of a Communist cell meeting which was held about a year prior to the student demonstrations in San Francisco.

The record, entitled "Inside a Communist Cell," features a "Comrade Ed" who Prussion said was supposed to be Lima. "Comrade Ed" exhorts the cell members to further the cause and congratulates them on past accomplishments.

Prussion said the Communist party is striving for a strong, centralized administration in Washington and in Sacramento. And he warned that we have been going in that direction for the past three decades at an accelerating rate."

He termed the Communist Party U.S.A. as a "legalized illegality for our destruction" and said the threat from communism is entirely from within—not without.

Prussion said the party is a military organization in the United States dedicated to the Soviet Union and it is waging a "no holds barred" battle.

"Communists don't spend the evenings during the midnight oil studying Marx and Lenin. They are way beyond that."

But he said he is sure Americans are going to win their battle against communism. "I think the conservative movement will be the answer to the Communist problem."

A collection to help defray expenses was taken during a brief intermission following Prussion's speech.

During the question and answer period that followed the intermission Prussion said he thinks the nation's various mental health programs are being supported by Communists and are "definitely part of their plan."

"Communists support these programs principally because it's a media of control." He said Communists also support fluoridation of water programs "not because they want to poison the water or anything like that" but because it is just one more "control media."

Prussion noted there is a "recall movement" against Gov. Edmund Brown and that petitions would be in this area soon

He said later that the movement is being sponsored by the Constitutional Defense Committee which has its headquarters in Torrance, Calif.

Throughout his speech Prussion alluded to Mrs. Virginia Franklin, the Paradise High School teacher he is suing to \$30,000 because he claims she has damaged his reputation and caused the cancellation of speaking engagements at four Butte County High Schools last September.

Prussion said he holds no malice or hate for Mrs. Franklin. "I love Virginia Franklin," he asserted. "In fact I like her so much I think I'll move to Paradise in the next few months." Mrs. Franklin lives in Chico.

Prussion is scheduled to speak Sunday in Paradise — reportedly regarding Mrs. Franklin.

Entire mammoths have been found perfectly preserved in the ice of Siberia.

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## *Schae* Anti-Communist Talks Urged On Campus Of Local Schools

Karl Prusson, former Communist and FBI informant, said he was gratified when a resolution offered by Mrs. Raymond Farias of Oroville was passed unanimously by a group of approximately 200 people meeting at Chico State's Village last night. The resolution inquires the local school board to give Prusson an opportunity to speak to students. It was not proposed by Oroville teachers who attended the meeting.

Mrs. Matilda Duncan, Oroville High School principal, said that although she did not second everything Prusson said, she would favor his appearance on campus. She added, "Karl Prusson is an interesting speaker and has had many interesting experiences. I would not object to his speaking to our students."

Several scheduled talks by Prusson at Butte County schools, including Oroville, were canceled last year.

Asked for his views,

Prusson prefaced his remarks with the question, "Is Mrs. Virginia Franklin here?" (She wasn't.) He expressed disappointment at her absence but he referred to her throughout this speech. He mentioned his pending \$600,000 law suit against Mrs. Franklin, and said, "I'm suing her for damages; she has hurt me."

The former counterespionage sharpie criticized the United States Supreme Court for being "soft on communism" and he was particularly critical of Chief Justice Earl Warren. He said, "The Communist party is grateful to Earl Warren and the Supreme Court for they have made it possible for the party to function legally." He described the Communist party as a "legalized illegality" in the destruction of our American way of life.

### The Soviet Record

Prusson listed a number of examples of Communist influence and stressed his point that Communists cannot be trusted. He referred to recognition of the Soviet Union by the U.S. and said that under the terms of recognition the Soviets promised never to include in acts of espionage or subversion against the United States. He also mentioned the "Potsdam Agreement" as an example of Communist influence from within. He said, "When President Truman met with Stalin and signed that agreement, almost all of Eastern Europe was handed over to the U.S.S.R." Truman says he signed the agreement on J. of Stalin's promise that free elections would be held in all countries involved but that Stalin broke his promise. Therefore, (Truman) is to be blamed, not or blamed," Prusson added that Truman admits he was "duped" by Stalin.

### Red Carpet Treatment

Nikita Khrushchev's visit to the United States was discussed and Prusson elaborated on the "red carpet" treatment accorded the former Communist boss by the Eisenhower administration. He said, "Khrushchev got everything he wanted except Disneyland, and his special treatment gave the Communists a shot in the arm that was particularly needed at that time." Governor Pat Brown also drew criticism for introducing the former premier at a banquet staged for him in San Francisco. Prusson said that the purpose of Khrushchev's visit was to reinvigorate the Communist party, and that Governor Brown helped substantially when he said, "Premier Khrushchev, we who admire and respect you — welcome you to the USA."

### Support the Police

Prusson emphasized that local police forces are the first line of defense against commun-

ism, and he urged support of local "patriot" or "local police" committees. He said the Communist party is attempting to undermine our police departments across the United States. They will use their pet phrase, police brutality, whenever possible, and when the opportunity arises will call for civilian police review boards."

Following his speech, Prusson played a portion of a recording of a Communist cell meeting. He identified the speaker as Alberto J. (Mickey) Lina, northern California chairman of the Communist party. In the recording, Lina said, "We can clearly look forward to a Soviet America within the next three or four years." The recording was made in '60. Lina also called on his comrades to destroy the House Committee on Un-American Activities, exert influence on college campuses, discredit the AFL, work toward removal of the "Connally Amendment" and he urged his colleagues to leave the United States.

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ANSWERS COMMUNIST—Karl Prussion, former Communist turned FBI informant, last night deputed communists made recently by an official

of the California Communist Party in a speech at Chico. Raymond Evans, who served as chairman of the meeting here last night, is at left.

Prussion received \$100 from Mrs. Franklin who asked the first question. She attended Mrs. Franklin and questioned him about his use of "fascism." Prussion replied that he bore no personal enmity toward Mrs. Franklin, but that he will press his suit.

Under further questioning Prussion said he was working toward recall of Governor Brown and he listed several reasons, one of which was, he said, Brown's close connection with the Communist party.

When asked about his lengthy membership in the Communist party, he replied, "it's not easy to get out." He also placed the blame for his speech cancellations on Virginia Franklin and said "we'll settle the matter in court."

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## Lima's Visit Here To Be Discussed By Karl Prussion

A former condemned will discharge Tansley might therefore be uncertain of an active party.

Ron Prassler, also a former FBI counterespionage agent, will discuss Communist Mickey Luria, who spoke last week at Chicago State College.

Prisoners will speak at 7 o'clock in the evening in the parlor of the Hotel Ulster. The public is invited to attend. Admission will be 50 cents.

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Professor Charles G. Hinsdale  
Lima at the College Philosophy  
Club's Town Meeting, and his  
Thursday night meeting will be  
made up of a short and  
informal time for discussing  
national conditions.

The former party member said he has attended many cell meetings and county meetings of the Communist Party in

time he listened to messages from Lima.

Precision joined the Communist Party in 1933 while a student at Wayne University. He later became a communist, posing himself as such to appear as a government witness at riot trials hearings in San Francisco in 1938.

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Chico, Calif.

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Federal Building  
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[Redacted]  
Groville, California

Dear [Redacted]:

Your recent inquiry concerning Mr. Karl Prussion has been received.

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Sincerely,

CURTIS O. LYNUM  
Special Agent in Charge

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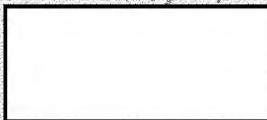
To whom it may concern:

I am doing some study on the one-time counterspy Mr. Karl Prussion and I would greatly appreciate any help and information you could send me. I am particularly interested in Mr. Prussion's history during the twelve years when he was a counterspy within the Communist web.

I am also interested in any information concerning such leaders as Governor Brown, Alan Cranston, Morris Stanley Mosk, and Martin Luther King. In his booklet, "The California Dynasty of Communism", Mr. Prussion accuses these people of being anything but true Americans, and I would like to know if there is any evidence to prove or disprove these charges. If so could you please send me anything concerning this or inform me where to find it? I will deeply appreciate any help you can give me in the advancement of my project.

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Sincerely yours,



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# Prussion Doubles His Suit, Asks \$600,000 From Mrs. Franklin

Attala County schools speaker Karl Prussion today doubled the amount of damages he seeks from Mrs. Virginia Franklin, controversial Paradise schoolteacher, by filing an amended complaint in the Butte County Superior Court.

Prussion's original suit asked \$300,000 general and punitive damages from Mrs. Franklin; now seeks \$600,000 from her Paradise High School principal. He seeks \$300,000 general damages and \$400,000 punitive damages.

Prussion filed the suit earlier this year after his scheduled trials at local and county high

schools were canceled. Mrs. Franklin later conceded she had contacted her school officials about Prussion before the controversial school commencement talks were canceled.

Charles Cawley of Los Angeles, Prussion's attorney, and Robert Morrison, the Chico attorney who represents Mrs. Franklin, agreed to the filing of the amended complaint at a court hearing here on a demurrer motion early today.

The defendant, asked that Prussion's suit against Mrs. Franklin be dismissed on the grounds that the complaint was ambiguous and did not cite facts sufficient to constitute a "cause of action" against her.

At the hearing before Judge Bertram James, Quincy, Prussion's attorney was given 30 days to file an amended complaint. The hearing on the demurrer will be rescheduled.

Mrs. Franklin has a million-dollar libel suit pending against the Paradise American Legion post and numerous individuals.

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EXCROVILLE, CALIF

Date: 11/23/64  
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 Author:  
 Editor:  
 Title: PRUSSION ----- FRANKLIN  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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TO : SAC, SF 134-7

FROM : Attn: ASAC Welborn

SUBJECT: James Carlisle

KARL PRUSSION  
FORMER SF 1740-S

DATE: 11/26/64

During the evening of 11/26/64 the Commander of the American Legion Post at Hollister, Calif. phoned to state that KARL PRUSSION was scheduled to speak at Hollister on December 3, 1964 and the American Legion was considering allowing PRUSSION to use its name as a sponsor. PRUSSION called himself an "undercover agent" for the FBI and the Commander wondered whether there was any merit in this? He stated he would call on 11/27/64 and talk to ASAC WELBORN and that any information which could be given to him would be appreciated.

Recommendation: Serial 564 from the Bureau points out that KARL PRUSSION assisted the FBI by furnishing information on subversive activities from November 1969 to July 1958. During this time he was compensated for the information which he furnished. However, he was not and never has been a Special Agent or an employee of the FBI. His personal ventures, opinions and comments are strictly his own and the FBI is not in a position to comment on these in any way whatsoever.

Also see Supervisor's Clifford memo 5/6/64 (serial 528)

11/27/64  
Albert Pfalzgraf, Commanding AL Post Hollister  
phoned & was given info from serial 564. ✓

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply Please Refer to  
File No.

Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit, Michigan 48231

October 28, 1964

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[Redacted]  
Los Angeles, California 90037

Dear [Redacted]:

Your letter of October 22, 1964, has been received.

I would like to point out that Karl Prusson assisted this Bureau by furnishing information on subversive activities from November, 1949, to July, 1958, during which time he was compensated. He was not, however, a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Very truly yours,

Bernard C. Brown  
Special Agent in Charge

Attached for both San Francisco and Los Angeles is a Xerox copy of the letter received from [Redacted] which is furnished for your information.

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1 - Los Angeles (Attachment) (Info)  
1 - San Francisco (134-7)  
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- 134-7-561  
SAC SF  
*[Signature]*

10/22/64

FBI  
Detroit, Michigan  
Gantlemen:

One Mr. Karl Prussoin  
is speaking in behalf of  
local candidates in my area.  
He is, by his testimony, a  
former FBI agent. Is this  
man "far red"? Can I  
obtain any information about  
him?

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I should sincerely appreciate  
any information to corroborate  
his story as a former  
Communist - FBI agent.

Sincerely,

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[Redacted]  
Los Angeles, Calif

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## Spy' Talks Barred

Livermore's schools superintendent yesterday canceled talks to students by Karl F. Prassion, who goes by the wrong name for his identity. Prassion is a former FBI counterespionage agent, and he has been critical of Governor Brown, former Attorney General Mosk and Senator George S. Miller.

Prassion, speaking under auspices of the United Republicans of California, was scheduled to address assemblies of both Livermore high schools today.

Jim Schell, Superintendent Bartholomew Waterhouse canceled the talks as "unwise." He claims reports that students had threatened to

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San Francisco, Calif.

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 Edition: Final Home  
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 Editor: Chas. deYoung  
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# Memorandum

TO : SAC 6-60

DATE: 10/11/64

FROM : SA WILLIAM H. NOTT

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED] - COMPLAINANT  
KARL PRUSSIAN - [REDACTED]  
MISCELLANEOUS

At 4:20 PM, this date, [REDACTED], Fremont, Calif., telephonically advised that he is a Section Leader of the John Birch Society and is coordinating appearances next Thursday and Friday of KARL PRUSSIAN, former Bureau informant.

PRUSSIAN is scheduled to speak Thursday night at Livermore High School and on Friday at the assembled High School one or two appearances at Livermore High. Friday night he is to speak at the American Opinion Book Store and Library, 935 B St., Hayward.

At about 3:43 PM [REDACTED] telephone rang and his wife answered. Some unrecognized man's voice started mumbling about PRUSSIAN so she called Mr. [REDACTED] to the phone. A guttural voice which appeared to be that of a person who had been drinking or foreign or both said something to the effect that we don't want KARL PRUSSIAN speaking here. When asked why not, the man said that he has gone too far. The man then said if he comes up here we will kill him. When [REDACTED] asked who was calling the man hung up. The phone, however, did not appear to be disconnected and [REDACTED] felt that it was a tell call possibly from Livermore.

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After checking with Supervisor GEBHARDT it was found that this is not a violation of the extortion statute. The Fremont PD was advised that this office is taking no action. [REDACTED] had stated that he had advised the Fremont PD who was sending an officer and he had notified the Telephone Company.

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ACTION RECOMMENDED: File in 6-60, Index as indicated.

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OAKVILLE, CALIFORNIA

TUESDAY, SEPT. 29, 1964

**Editorial****Prussion To Be Heard Here, After All**

SOME MONTHS AGO there was a flap in Oceanside and nearby over Karl Prussion, the way he had spoken to the students of various high schools concerning the Communist menace. After one of his appearances the talk was discontinued because it was suspected that he was serving the Communists. Prussion had been asked to come here to discuss the former agents of the CPUSA. A minute or two, Prussion never was a agent of that organization. He was rather a counter-espionage agent for the FBI, returning from his service. The decision to ban him from our meetings was unfortunate. What difference whether Prussion was an "agent" or a "counterespionage agent." He was working for the FBI.

LOPES IS AN AUTHORITATIVE and convincing controversial like this paper and without a doubt a year's fear of repercussions that prompted the cancellation of the date. Yet the repercussions came nevertheless.

Prussion, who appeared locally last season under the auspices of the Executives' Bazaar Club of Oceanside, is a dramatic speaker and his lecture is packed with information. The information has to do with the activities of Communists right here in California—largely in Santa Clara county to be explicit, in the neighborhood of Stanford University. His talk

is vital and vivid. It is anathema to those who wish to play down the menace of communism in the United States and that is all.

THE CPUSA was active in California all around the world at the time but the tendency now is to write down the influence and the membership. Yet blind as blindfold in the propaganda war in Asia, Africa and Cuba is a constant message to us that had a real basis only the communists in Korea and those of our army who were captured by them were brainwashed. Eighty percent did not withstand the treatment and stood with the Communists and against their own country.

They had not been educated in our schools and in our homes and churches to that sort of thing. The boys of other countries who know better stood up better. Our performances in the Chinese and Korean revolutions distinguished.

Perhaps Mr. Lopex can expose our young people to the methods and theories of the Communists so that they will know in advance what the issues are and if positions not easily washed away.

They will then have their chance here Thursday night to hear Prussion at the Municipal Auditorium. Tickets will be available at the door and young people will get in at half charge.

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TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100)

DATE: 9/30/64

FROM : SA [REDACTED] b6  
[REDACTED] b7C

SUBJECT: KARL PRUSCIAN  
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On 5/29/64, [REDACTED] Seaside, California made available a copy of a publication "THE CRUSAIDER" which is allegedly printed in Cuba by ROBERT F. WILLIAMS -- Publisher in exile. It contains a notation that contributions and copies of the pamphlet can be handled through [REDACTED] Toronto, Ontario, Canada. It also contains a notation that copies can be obtained at 35 each from 10 Box 651, San Diego, California.

The pamphlet deals with steps that can be taken by Negroes to overcome oppression and in the first two lines of page four points out that this can be accomplished only by the medium of violence and through revolution. Page 6 of the pamphlet outlines violent methods that the "firmly oppressed" can take to fight their cause and gives examples of weapons to be used including live bombs, hand grenades, machine etc.

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[REDACTED] obtained the pamphlet from [REDACTED] of Jack's Auto Glass Company on El Monte Blvd., Monterey, California. He did no explain his reasons for circulating the pamphlet.

This individual is known to the writer as [REDACTED] [REDACTED], Monterey, California [REDACTED] the business known as "Jack's Auto Glass Company". He resides at [REDACTED] Monterey, California with his wife, [REDACTED]. He has been in the Monterey area since late 1963 or early 1964 and formerly resided at [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] He is a leader in the John Birch Society in the Monterey area.

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On 9/30/64, [REDACTED] was contacted on another matter and the above subject brought up in casual conversation. He furnished the following explanation as to his distribution of the pamphlet and made available a second copy of the pamphlet:

About two months ago, Karl Prusian made some talks in the Monterey area on the subject of "Communism". He had in his possession a copy of the above described pamphlet which he used as evidence to show the type of literature being distributed by the "Communists". [REDACTED] suggested to him that he print additional copies to be used by anti-Communist as effective evidence of the violent steps advocated by such groups. Prusian now distributes them through his PO Box #651, San Diego, California. [REDACTED] obtained one hundred for distribution in the Monterey area. The only addition [REDACTED] made to the pamphlet was to have a stamp with skull and crossbones and "Propaganda" which he uses to stamp the front and back of each copy.

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ACTION REQUIREMENT:

Route to Agent who handles the former informant, Karl Prussian and if this is the first notice of the distribution which has come to the attention of the San Francisco Office, notify the Bureau and San Diego Office.

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## Prussion Given Chance to Talk in Butte County

PARADISE, Calif. — Karl Prussion, former Communist and FBI informant, will finally get his chance to speak to Butte County.

Officials of the Butte County Citizens Committee for Americanism have announced their group is sponsoring a speech by Prussion in Paradise Memorial Hall Oct. 4.

Prussion will talk on "Communism's Threat to America." Jack Hope, chairman of the citizens committee, said there will be no admission charged for the 2:30 p.m. speech.

Prussion, a former Communist, is accused of having worked for the FBI for 12 years as an undercover agent. Since then he has embarked upon a career as an anti-communist lecturer, author and publisher.

He will allegedly have called upon to stimulate subversive people for the Justice Department.

When this month Prussion again sued against Mrs. Virginia Franklin, Healdsburg, California, charging that she damaged his professional standing by being instrumental in having his scheduled lectures at area high schools cancelled.

His suit charged Mrs. Franklin with using her influence to cancel the engagements and that she maligned him by making

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## Prussion Given Chance to Talk

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statements challenging his service as an FBI informant.

Prussion's suit totals \$100,000.

He said he has not filed the suit of damages but "to give Mrs. Franklin the opportunity to prove in the courts that what she says about me is true."

Prussion's talks have been according to a spokesman, aimed mainly toward alerting Americans of the "often subtle influences which have swayed the minds of many in our nation."

He reviews the events of his life which prompted him to become a Communist while attending college and later to become an informant for the FBI.

Prussion has spoken to many organizations throughout the country and has received one of the two public speaking awards ever presented by the literary society of the University of California in its 40-year history.

Date: 9/28/64

Edition: Ext

Author:

Editor:

Title:

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Character: 137—Prussion  
or 100-50824

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## ~~K. Prussion Seeks \$300,000~~

## In Suit Against Mrs. Franklin

Former Communist Karl Prussion, claiming he is the victim of a "flagrant conspiracy to keep me off the (school) campuses," filed a \$300,000 suit in superior court today against Mrs. Virginia Franklin of Parsons, and 26 "John Does." He said the "John Does" will be named later.

Prussion had warned early in May that he would seek legal action against Mrs. Franklin after she said in a telephone interview with the Mercury that she discussed with school authorities Prussion's scheduled speeches on local campuses.

Prussion said today he is not filing his suit "with malice of forethought," but is merely giving Mrs. Franklin "a chance to say in court what she previously said about me."

In his suit, Prussion based his complaint against Mrs. Franklin on these grounds:

That she had read about Prussion and claims that his testimony was unreliable and irresponsible and she felt that he was being misrepresented to the people of Paradise. She further stated that she would never be responsible in her capacity as a teacher (she is an American government instructor at Paradise Senior High School) for giving status, respect and authority to anyone not having respect for the schools; and she stated that she encouraged her students to go to public meetings where Prussion was scheduled to speak and hear his view point but warned that she doubted the reliability of his point of view was backed up by facts."

### Told of Calls

Mrs. Franklin admitted in the telephone interview that she placed calls to Oroville and Los Plumas high schools with cancellations of Prussion's scheduled talks as her purpose.

Six days before the Franklin interview, the two high schools cancelled state speaking engagements by Prussia. Arthur Bannbacher, principal of Oroville High School, told the Mercury he had received a reprint of a letter signed by J. Edgar Hoover, FBI chief, which said in part:

"Mr. Prussion has never been a special agent of this bureau; however, he did furnish information to the FBI on a confidential basis from 1949 to 1958 and was compensated for his services."

Prussia said that among other persons and concerns to be included, as defendants, in his suit, was Stanley Most, former state attorney general, who he said "was included in the conspiracy to bar me from the campuses."

Prussion also said it is "quite possible" that Robert Kennedy, then U. S. attorney general, may be subpoenaed to testify on Prussion's position as a former counterspy for the FBI.

Prussion, a resident of Terrencia, Calif., charged in his suit that Mrs. Franklin publicly branded him as a "dishonest person, one who lacked integrity, and an untruthful individual who was guilty of a breach of trust."

Represented by attorney Charles Corzier of Los Angeles, Prussion is asking \$200,000 punitive damages and \$100,000 general damages.

Prussion charged in his suit that Mrs. Franklin was responsible for cancelling of speeches scheduled at Gridley, Biggs, Orville and Paradise high schools. Prussion lectures on communism and Communist activities.

States, and claims in his suit that he "has built up a good reputation for truth, honesty, integrity and fairness."

He explained that he is naming Mrs. Franklin as a defendant not in her capacity as a high school employee, but as an individual who made "flagrant claims" regarding his integrity. He also said that several high

Mrs. Franklin has a million-dollar libel suit pending in court.

Final briefs will be filed in Superior court here against the Paradise American Legion post and several individuals.

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Date: JUL 16 1964

RE: KARL PRUSSION

- For information       For appropriate action       Surep, by \_\_\_\_\_  
 The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report,  conceal all sources,  paraphrase contents.  
 Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks: RE Los Angeles Airtel to Director, F.B.I. (cc to SF) dated 6/8/64 with captions "COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, NEGRO QUESTION, COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS" AND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR." IN which copy is designated for PRUSSION'S file, please note that correct Bufile numbers are as follows:

KARL PRUSSION, aka KARL PRUSSIAN (former Confidential Informant SF-1740-S) Bufile 61-9152 SF 134-*124-64*

BENJAMIN BASKIN, aka KARL PRUSSION- Bufile 100-*111657* - SF 100-52950

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Federal Building  
450 Golden Gate Avenue, Box 36015  
San Francisco, California, 94102  
June 25, 1984

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[Redacted]  
Sacramento, California

Dear [Redacted]:

I am in receipt of your letter of recent date  
together with the material which you furnished therewith.

I wish to thank you for making this information  
available to this office and your interest in calling  
this matter to my attention is indeed appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Curtis O. Lynam  
Special Agent in Charge

① - Addressee  
① - San Francisco (134-7)

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23 June 64

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
SACRAMENTO, California

DEAR SIR:

The Enclosed Reproduction I Received in  
the mail on approximately 3 Jun 64.

I do not know the individual nor what  
the purpose is behind such action.

The address on the envelope was  
[redacted], Sacramento.

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I am forwarding this for your  
information and evaluation. If I can  
be of further service please [redacted]  
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DIRECTOR, FBI

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Re Minneapolis letter to San Francisco, 5/4/64, captioned as above; Minneapolis airtel to Bureau, 4/21/64, and Buairtel to Minneapolis, 4/24/64, captioned, "State Legislation Relating to Communism and the Communist Party, United States of America, Information Concerning (Internal Security)," Bufile 100-438851, Minneapolis 100-17715.

Enclosed for Minneapolis are two (2) Xerox copies of memorandum to SAC dated 4/21/64, at San Francisco, and two (2) Xerox copies of an article in "San Francisco Chronicle," a San Francisco daily newspaper, dated 5/8/64.

For the information of Minneapolis, KARL PRUSSION, former SF 1740-5, was discontinued as a security informant 7/20/63. A review of information furnished by PRUSSION revealed that on 5/7/64, he furnished a report on a meeting held on 5/5/64, at the residence of HOLLAND ROBERTS, 3891 La Bonne, Palo Alto, California, attended by 18 individuals, including Mr. and Mrs. PRUSSION, Mr. and Mrs. HOLLAND ROBERTS, Mr. and Mrs. SCOTT NEARING, and Mr. and Mrs. SIBLING (Prof.). Two copies of this report, SF 134-7A-138A, which is incorporated in channelizing memorandum to SAC dated 4/21/64, are enclosed for Minneapolis. This meeting was not a CP meeting. PRUSSION referred to this as a peace meeting and added that it was predominantly a "left wing" or communist organized meeting. In his report, PRUSSION described four individuals as CP members and said the majority of the rest present have been closely associated with the CP and could be CP members, but not known as such to informant. He described SIBLING as a Stanford professor. PRUSSION said that part of the meeting consisted of a speech by SCOTT NEARING who spoke for twenty minutes urging a fight for peace.

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② - San Francisco (1 - 100-53198)  
① - 134-7)(Karl Prussion)

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Also enclosed for Minneapolis for information are two copies of an article in the 5/9/64 issue of the "San Francisco Chronicle," entitled, "Socialist Professor 'Dusted' at Stanford--Protests Fine." The article concerns Dr. MULFORD SIBLEY and contains some background on him, including some of his published books.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (134-7)

FROM : SA ZAVEN JARDARTAN

SUBJECT: KARL PRUSSON  
Former SF 1740-S

DATE: 6/15/64

Re Minneapolis airtel to Bureau dated 4/21/64 and rebuairtel  
to Minneapolis dated 4/24/64.

Minneapolis has since requested information under the caption  
WILFORD QUIGLETT SINKLY, SF 100-53198. Since the information requested by  
Minneapolis will be submitted under 100-53198, it is suggested that this  
case, 134-7, be closed.

RECOMMENDATION: CLOSE.  
ZJ

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**Prussion, Former  
FBI Undercover  
Agent, to Speak**

Harold Young Republicans will sponsor an appearance by Karl Prussion, former FBI undercover agent, Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the college student lounge.

Prussion, who joined the



Communist party in 1932 and later served as an FBI agent in the party, will speak on the subject, "Have Communists Permeated the Civil Rights Movement."

A question and answer period will follow the talk. Refreshments will be served.

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Editor: FRANCIS H.  
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## Virginia Franklin Admits Calls Against Counterspy

OROVILLE (UPI)—Mrs. Virginia Franklin, who was in Butte County since Franklin Parrotie High last week to conduct an anti-segregation teacher seminar, admitted to the Communist school at the Oroville Mercury yesterday that she Elks Club.

She was instrumental in the cancellation of talks at Oroville's principal of Las Plumas High schools last week by Karl Prusso School here, said Mrs. Franklin, former Communist and ex-counter Espionage Act.

In an interview with them in her opinion, "unreliable and irresponsible."

Confirmed reports that she had told Arthur Dambacher, principal spokesman officials of Oroville's of Oroville High School, administrative high schools and urged receiving a similar tolerance not to permit Prusso to phone call from Mrs. Franklin address students.

Subsequently, Prusso's he and "already about decided scheduled talks here were can't cancel Prusso's talk" recalled School officials in Parrotie he received Mrs. Franklin's case and Live Oak also canceled.

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## Teacher Admits She Opposed Prusso

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Mrs. Franklin, who teaches American Government at the Paradise school and has long publicly advocated practices of permitting students to hear all sides on questions, said she talked with her husband, Dr. Franklin, before making her speech. Dr. Franklin is a professor of political science at Chico State College.

When Franklin told the Oroville newspaper she would not investigation of Prusso in her capacity as chairman of the Legislative Committee of the Northern section of the California Teachers Association, she said she subsequently organized her students to go to public meetings where Prusso was scheduled to talk but warned them that she doubted the reliability of his point of view.

PRUSSO, who was permitted

to address Chico State College students last Friday and made several public appearances and investigation of Prusso in her capacity as chairman of the Legislative Committee of the Northern section of the California Teachers Association.

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CHICO PARROTIE  
MAY 19, 1964

CHICO, CALIF.

Date: 5/15/64  
Edition: P.J.E.

Author:

Editor:

Title:

FRANKLIN  
ADVISER

Character: 100-50870  
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# Prussion Hurls 'Red' At Chico State College

Former Communists and their ranks before filing suit legal action to have the Chico State College Communists removed from the university is the first other meeting and was a committee recently established by Communist leaders with a lunch break at 12:15 p.m. He is also scheduled to speak at a dinner meeting at the Blue Chip Inn tomorrow at the time when starting a new chapter of the Communist Youth League.

He said he would discuss his political views in the state and development of Communism in the United States and around the world.

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Prussion said he is meeting with his attorney Monday to determine what course of action through due process of law to correct the situation. He said he would first ask a public apology from the superintendents' and can indicate basic principles of the schools in such communistic activities as a strike and a rescheduling of his

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## Prussion

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named civil rights, poverty and peace.

Concerning what he called the Communists' administration, Prussion said it submits to minority groups, conditions, and even demands demonstrations.

Prussion said a political strike is not for wants of working conditions but against law.

The president's certain defeat of the Communists' conspiracy because of the awakening of a conservative movement in the last two years.

Prussion cited Senator Barry Goldwater, the author of re-election of that conservative movement by millions of Americans wanting to preserve our heritage.

The speaker said liberalism has reached its peak in America after holding sway for three years.

Prussion said the Communists realize this and predicted an alliance in building the Johnson image for the next four months.

He predicted that a pre-planned international situation will develop which will be designed to make a hero of President Johnson.

On the state level Prussion

by turned the initiated petition to

kill the Rumford act as the hot

test political issue.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

OROVILLE MERCURY REGISTER

OROVILLE, CALIF.

Date: 5/9/64

Edition: C.V.E

Author:

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PRUSSON

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SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (100-9501) (P)

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MULFORD QUICKERT SIBLEY  
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Re Minneapolis airtel to the Bureau dated 4/21/64,  
and Bureau airtel to Minneapolis dated 4/24/64, both captioned  
STATE LEGISLATION RELATING TO COMMUNISM AND THE COMMUNIST  
PARTY, USA, INFORMATION CONCERNING, (INTERNAL SECURITY).

Referenced Bureau airtel to Minneapolis advised that  
the KARL "PRUSSIAN" mentioned in Minneapolis letter is probably  
identical with KARL PRUSSION, former SF 1740-S, an informant  
of the San Francisco Office from 1949 to 1958, who was dis-  
continued when he revealed his informant status to a newspaper  
man and indicated he planned to write a book.

Enclosed for the information of the San Francisco  
Office is an autostat copy of a letter from KARL PRUSSION to  
[REDACTED] St. Mary's College, Winona, Minnesota,  
dated January 6, 1964, wherein PRUSSION gives his address as  
Post Office Box 6519, San Diego, California. In this letter  
PRUSSION sets forth information regarding MULFORD Q. SIBLEY.  
This letter was furnished to the Minneapolis Office on April  
29, 1964, by [REDACTED] former [REDACTED] and may contain  
same information as the letter received by [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] American Legion, State of Minnesota.

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San Francisco should attempt to verify this information  
through a review of reports submitted by PRUSSION; however,  
San Francisco is advised that MULFORD Q. SIBLEY is an extremely  
controversial figure who is employed as a professor of political  
science at the University of Minnesota. During 1963-1964 he  
became embroiled in a controversy with local politicians who  
have since attempted to effect his removal from the faculty of  
the University of Minnesota. The controversy resulted in a  
public debate and the issue of academic freedom has been hotly  
argued in the Minneapolis area because of this. SIBLEY has  
recently been included in the Security Index; however, the  
Bureau has instructed that no active investigation of SIBLEY  
as such, is to be conducted.

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For the information of the San Diego Office,  
enclosed is an autostat copy of referenced Minneapolis airtel  
to the Bureau and the KARL PRUSSION letter referred to.

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DATE 11-26-2010 BY 60324 UC BAW/SAB/MJS

# Memorandum

TO : FILE (134-7)

DATE: 5/7/64

FROM : SUPV. HARRY F. CLIFFORD, JR.

SUBJECT: KARL PRUSSION  
FORMER SF 1740-S

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At 8:45 a.m. an individual giving his name as [REDACTED] Oroville, California, [REDACTED] called SAC LYNUM regarding PRUSSION. He stated that someone from Gridley had talked to Supervisor CLIFFORD and got the impression that PRUSSION was not legitimate and that PRUSSION has now been cancelled.

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[REDACTED] stated that CLIFFORD allegedly stated that PRUSSION used his former FBI informant status to support himself and to help himself and apparently there was some question about his using the term "FBI undercover agent."

[REDACTED] stated he would call back between 11:00 and 11:30 a.m. to discuss the matter further with SAC LYNUM.

SAC LYNUM had to leave the office to proceed to the scene of an air crash. Prior to leaving, he reviewed SA CLIFFORD's memo of 5/6/64. He asked SA CLIFFORD to receive the call and explain to [REDACTED] the FBI's interest in protecting its own good name and what the facts really are.

[REDACTED] did not call back between 11:00 and 11:30 a.m., so at approximately 11:45 a.m., SA CLIFFORD placed a call to [REDACTED] and was unable to reach him. [REDACTED] had not returned the call as of 3:00 p.m., 5/7/64.

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COMMENT:

The facts of this matter are set forth in SA CLIFFORD's memo of 5/6/64.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (134-7)

DATE: 5/6/64

FROM : SUPV. HARRY F. CLIFFORD, JR.

SUBJECT: KARL PRUSSION  
FORMER SF 1740-S

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On 5/6/64, Principal VAUGHN of the Gridley High School, Gridley, California, called the writer and asked for him by name. He stated he was calling to inquire about the status of KARL PRUSSION and his connection with the FBI. He asked the following questions and the writer gave him the following answers:

- (1) Was PRUSSION a current employee of the FBI?  
The writer said no.
- (2) Had he been an employee of the FBI?  
The writer said no.
- (3) VAUGHN stated that PRUSSION was advertising himself as a former undercover agent for the FBI. Was that true?  
The writer replied that PRUSSION had been an informant for the FBI in the Palo Alto area up until July, 1958.
- (4) VAUGHN asked if it was proper for PRUSSION to call himself a former undercover agent of the FBI?  
The writer replied that the facts concerning his calling himself a former undercover agent of the FBI had been considered by the U. S. Attorney and deemed not a violation of the Impersonation Statute.
- (5) VAUGHN asked if there was any current connection whatsoever between PRUSSION and the FBI?  
The writer replied no.

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(6) VAUGHN inquired if PRUSSION was in the position while an informant for the FBI to obtain information that Governor BROWN and Attorney General MOSK were members of the CP?

The writer replied that he was not because his activities in the CP for the FBI were restricted to the Palo Alto area prior to 1958.

VAUGHN stated that he understood that PRUSSION had made such allegations against the Governor and Attorney General in his pamphlet "Heads Up," which, according to VAUGHN, was being distributed in the Gridley area. The writer replied that he did not know if PRUSSION were still publishing the pamphlet "Heads Up," but if such allegations were made by PRUSSION, he was not in the position to obtain such information while he was an informant for the FBI and if such allegations were currently being made it would appear they were exaggerations or falsehoods.  
*as was noted  
by the Comds, and in newspaper I dictated.*  
COMMENT:

It is noted that PRUSSION's file is replete with fabricated situations where he has published documents and made speeches which are not factual, which have been used by the John Birch Society, which have been used by rightest hate groups, American Legion fanatics, etc.

VAUGHN's reasoning on important public figures follows something like this:

"When I was in the CP the CP instructions were to support the civil rights movement. JOE BLOW is a leader in the civil rights movement, therefore, he is a tool of the communists."

The above is for the record.

April 24, 1964

Airtel

To: SAC, Minneapolis (100-12715)  
From: Director, FBI (100-439051)

STATE LEGISLATION RELATING TO  
COMMUNISM AND THE COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

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Reurairtel 4/21/64.

Since a highly controversial situation appears to be developing in Minnesota, the Minneapolis Office should not become involved in any manner and should furnish no information from its files to the American Legion or anyone else, public source or otherwise.

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Should [redacted] contact former Minneapolis informants and should these informants seek guidance from your office, they should be advised that whether they cooperate with [redacted] is their decision to make, but if they do, they should be completely truthful and factual regarding any information they furnish.

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While you correctly advised [redacted] of Bureau policy regarding information in Bureau files, there was no need for you to suggest that he communicate with Bureau headquarters if he desired to pursue his inquiry further. The policy is the same whether it is enunciated by your office or by Bureau headquarters.

Upon receipt of the requested information from San Francisco regarding Professor Milford Q. Sibley, submit this information to the Bureau in the Sibley case. For your

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At

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Airtel to Minneapolis  
RE: STATE LEGISLATION RELATING TO  
COMMUNISM AND THE COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
100-439051

Information, the individual referred to by McDonald as "Prussian" is apparently former San Francisco informant Karl Prussian (former SW 1740-S) who was operated as an informant by the San Francisco Office from 1943-1953 and was discontinued since he disclosed his informant status to a newspaper man and indicated he planned to write a book.

Keep the Bureau advised of pertinent developments regarding the situation outlined in reairtel.

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No Detroit letter to Bureau dated 3/27/64.

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There are enclosed for Los Angeles and San Diego two copies of referenced letter. Also enclosed for Los Angeles and San Diego are two photographs of ERIC DURKIN and [redacted]  
[redacted]

Mrs. ANN MUNSON, the wife of FUGITIVE #1700-2, was contacted on 4/3/64, at which time she advised that she and ERIC DURKIN are divorced and that he has not lived at her residence, 106 Mountain Way, Los Altos, California, in about a year. She stated that she could not at this time furnish DURKIN's current address, but she believed it was on Shortway Street in Redwood. She also stated that she believed he could be contacted through a publication in San Bruno known as "Bunting."

MARY R. QUINN, Acting Postmaster, Los Altos, California, advised on 4/3/64, that on 3/26/64, ERIC MUNSON left a forwarding address with the Los Altos Post Office of "Bunting" Box 630, San Bruno, California.

Los Angeles at Pasadena, California, and San Diego at San Diego, locate ERIC DURKIN, and interview in accordance with enclosed letter.

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FROM:

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-4790-1)

SUBJECT:

STATE LEGISLATION RELATING  
TO COMMUNISM AND THE COMMUNIST  
PARTY, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
LEGISLATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

On April 20, 1966, [REDACTED] 3rd District, American Legion, Box 371, Elyria, Minnesota, contacted the Minneapolis Office to advise that he and other members of American Legion are currently engaged in the campaign to establish a permanent State Legislative Committee to investigate Communism in the State of Minnesota. He stated that in this regard he has been in contact with most of the responsible anti-Communist individuals and organizations for the State of Minnesota to seek support. He said that in this connection the 3rd District will shortly initiate a periodic news letter to be disseminated to American Legion officials, state officials and other interested parties throughout the State of Minnesota, the title of which will be 3rd District American Legion News and Views. He said that the purpose of this news letter will be to bring to the attention of responsible individuals the extent of Communist inroads in the State of Minnesota and to refresh

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their memory on hearings which were held in the past which concerned Minnesota subjects. He said that the material for this news letter will be judiciously weighed and sifted to assure its absolute accuracy and that most of the material will be drawn from public sources.

[redacted] stated his purpose for contacting the Minneapolis Office of the FBI was to advise of this undertaking and he also advised that it is his intention to utilize any material he might be able to obtain from any Bureau informant who have testified publicly for the Government. In this regard [redacted] mentioned that he had received a letter from one CARL PRUSSIAN pertaining to Professor MULFORD Q. SIRIETY of the University of Minnesota.

[redacted] did not have the letter in his possession. He stated that the letter generally indicated that PRUSSIAN had formerly cooperated with the FBI and had been a Party member in the San Francisco area. PRUSSIAN had indicated to [redacted] in this letter that during 1957 while SIRIETY was a visiting faculty member at Stanford University that SIRIETY had attended a meeting at Palo Alto, California, which meeting included PRUSSIAN, SCOTT MARSH and HOLLAND ROBERTS. PRUSSIAN identified all those present at this meeting as "CP cell members". [redacted] said that PRUSSIAN had indicated he had testified in the past before the California Committee on Un-American Activities. [redacted] desired to know whether or not PRUSSIAN was accurate in his information. [redacted] was courteously explained of Bureau policy in these matters and advised that if he desired to pursue his inquiry further, he should communicate with the headquarters of this Bureau in Washington, D. C.

It is to be noted that the Minneapolis file concerning MULFORD Q. SIRIETY contains no information relating to any activities on the part of SIRIETY while he was temporarily attached to the staff of Stanford University during the academic year of 1957-1958.

[redacted] also advised that ultimately his group through the above-mentioned periodical intends to identify individuals within the State of Minnesota who have been

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named in hearings or otherwise publicly disclosed as Communist Party members.

[redacted] said that in the past he has criticized the University of Minnesota for allowing certain speakers to appear on the campus of the University sponsored by University officials. He said that he has also been critical of certain faculty members of the University of Minnesota whose views and affiliation in his opinion make them unfit for employment on a public payroll. He said that it is his intention to bring certain public information regarding these individuals to the attention of citizens of Minnesota so that they may draw their own conclusions as to public employment of these individuals. [redacted] stressed during the interview that he intended to have these facts well documented to avoid unfounded accusations.

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The above is being brought to the attention of the Bureau inasmuch as [redacted] may communicate with the Bureau seeking information regarding CARL PRUSSIAN.

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The Bureau will be kept advised of any pertinent developments concerning this matter.

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SAN FRANCISCO

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA:

Review indices concerning CARL PRUSSIAN and WILFORD V. SIBLEY and furnish any pertinent information to the Minneapolis Office. It is to be noted that WILFORD QUICKERT SIBLEY is a Professor of Political Science at the University of Minnesota, who has recently been included in the security files by the Minneapolis Office.

DIRECTOR, FBI

March 17, 1964

SAC, DETROIT (100-32096) (P)

BENJAMIN BASKIN

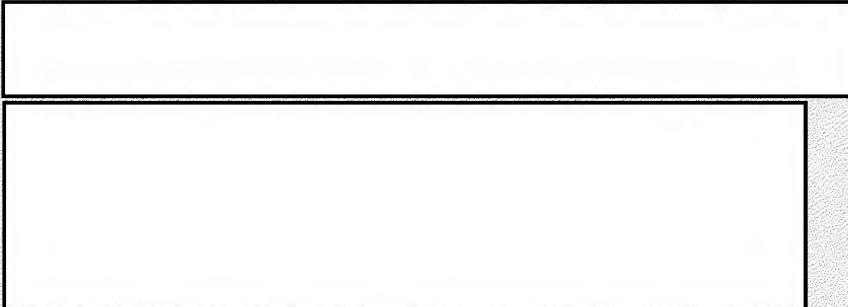
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FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT  
(OO: DETROIT)

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Re Bureau letter to Detroit, dated 3/13/64.

For the information of the San Francisco Office.



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BENJAMIN BASKIN has not been the subject of an investigation although the files of this office do contain information which pertains to him. It is also believed that the possibility may exist that [ ] assumed the subject of their inquiry may be identical with MARL PRUSIAN (former NY 1740-S) and that the basis for such assumption is the information contained in the report of SA ALLAN R. DOOR, captioned ETHEL BASKIN, dated 10/3/63, at Detroit. This report sets out information from confidential Informant [ ] (who is identified in Detroit files as [ ]) [ ] employed in the investigative unit of General Motors Corporation, Detroit) to the effect that ETHEL BASKIN is a sister of BEN BASKIN, with alias Carl Prusian.

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The files of this Office contain no further indication than the above information from GS-1 that BEN BASKIN (the brother of ETHEL BASKIN and the Subject of this FAG case) did use the alias of EARL PRUSSIAN. There is information available that EARL PRUSSIAN (former SP 1740-S) did use the alias of BEN BASKIN. The possibility therefore exists that the information furnished by GS-1 is erroneous and that corrective action may be necessary.

However, the Bureau advised in referenced letter that any corrective action concerning this report will depend on the results of this investigation. The Bureau also instructed that EARL PRUSSIAN, former SP 1740-S, should be interviewed since he should be in a position to know if the Subject was a member of the Young Communist League (YCL) or the Communist Party (CP), and that PRUSSIAN should also be questioned concerning the allegation that BASKIN used the alias of EARL PRUSSIAN.

It is noted that on February 9, 1960, EARL PRUSSIAN furnished a signed statement to the San Francisco Office in which he admits he used the name of BEN BASKIN when he went to work in Detroit Automobile Plant in 1937 in Detroit. It is also noted that in 1942 subversive files of the Detroit Police Department contained a record of EARL PRUSSIAN which indicates PRUSSIAN's address at one time, date not given, was 564 Holbrook, Detroit. Information in the Detroit files indicates that ETHEL BASKIN SCHWARTZ and BEN BASKIN both resided at 566 Holbrook, possibly in 1935.

Information is also available in Detroit files which indicate that in 1935 in EARL PRUSSIAN and ETHEL BASKIN were both members of the Oakland Unit of the YCL in Detroit.

It is therefore apparent that PRUSSIAN is probably well acquainted with ETHEL BASKIN SCHWARTZ as a result of having resided in the same neighborhood and having been in the same YCL unit. He should also thus be acquainted with the Subject.

The files of this Office contain a photographic copy of information which appeared in the subversive files of the Detroit Police Department and which was obtained on 12/31/48, concerning BEN BASKIN. This information was compiled over a period

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of years by Detective Sergeant [REDACTED] and Detective Lieutenant [REDACTED]. The photographic information is set out verbatim:

"BASKIN, BEN 24, 8-8-150 lbs in 1936  
555 Holbrook Ave.

"Active YCL organizer in Unit #1, section #1, and meets with negroes in the Perry Hall. Has been active back in 1934. Was employed at the Briggs Mack Avenue plant in Feb. of 1936 under the name of PAUL KIRK, where he was fired for communist agitation. Worked in the paintshop at that time. Again got employment in the Briggs Mack plant under the name of Ranski, where he worked in the trim line, and was again discharged for communist activities., on Oct. 25th, 1936. Has a younger brother, Nathan Raskin, who goes to the Northern High School and was in grade 11 B, taking a post graduate course and on 1-24-38 he crammed his pockets full of communist literature for distribution to his class mates. He is also a member of the YCL and is active. In Nov. of 1936 information received that he was employed at the Packard Motor Car Co. Another red named Karl Preissian uses Raskin's name and is Pres of the DeSoto Local of the UAWU, temporary Pres in April of 1937 where he was also found to be employed. Goes to all communist meetings in the Finnish Hall where he is instructed as to the procedure at these union meetings. Latest information regarding Ben which was received from Karl Preissian is that Ben is a student at the Mich State Normal at Ypsilanti, Mich. On March 20, 1938 he attended Sec #3 CP Council meeting held at the Magnolia Hall."

From the foregoing information it appears possible that KARL PRUSSIAN furnished information to the Detroit Police Department concerning BASKIN. PRUSSIAN's signed statement mentioned above also indicates that he did furnish information concerning his own CP membership to the Detroit Police Department in February, 1942.

Information in this letter has been set out at length so that Gen Francisco will have the information available to refresh the memory of former SP 1740-S in the event he is unable to immediately recall RASKIN.

There is also being furnished to San Francisco a copy of the photograph of ETHEL BASKIN SCHWARTZ, sister of BASKIN, which should be exhibited to former SF 1748-S to refresh his memory.

The following is a physical description of BASKIN obtained from his PSQ (except for his aka's which were not listed):

Name	BENJAMIN (BEN) BASKIN, aka. Paul Kirk, Earl Prusian, Arnold Ischler, (Sam ?) Kaminski (As set out above in the Detroit Police Department records)
Date of Birth	March 20, 1915
Place of Birth	Toledo, Ohio
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'10"
Weight	165 pounds
Eyes	Hazel
Hair	Grey-Black
Marital Status	Married, wife BEATRICE BASKIN, see Babushkin
Relatives	
Father	JAMES BASKIN
Mother	COLDIE BASKIN
Sisters	Mrs. JEAN JOSEPH; Mrs. ETHEL SCHWARTZ
Social Security Number	571-12-3302
Residence	15000 Burton, Oak Park, Michigan, January, 1955 to present
Employment	Giffels and Rossetti, Incorporated, 1500 Marquette Building, Detroit, Michigan, January, 1956 to present as an engineer (Employment from November, 1950 to November, 1948, was as an Assistant Engineer with the U.S. War Department Corps of Engineers at Little Rock, Arkansas)

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SAN FRANCISCO

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Contact EARL PRUSSIAN, former SF 1740-S and interview him concerning the Subject as follows:

1. Determine if BASKIN was ever a member of the VCL and the CP.
2. Determine if BASKIN ever used any aliases particularly those set out above under the Subject's description.
3. Determine if BASKIN and PRUSSIAN possibly used each others identity on various occasions when either attempted to obtain employment in Detroit automobile plants.
4. If deemed advisable PRUSSIAN should be interviewed under oath and a sworn signed statement obtained.

On receipt of results of interview of PRUSSIAN, Detroit will interview the Subject under oath concerning his alleged VCL membership and use of aliases.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-35423)

DATE: 3/9/64

FROM: SA TROY F. WILDER

SUBJECT: PALO ALTO CP CLUB  
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DOCUMENTATION:

[REDACTED] Meeting Palo Alto 2/25/64 TROY F. WILDER [REDACTED]  
CP Club, 2/18/64

Informant furnished the following report:

"Palo Alto Branch of the Communist  
Party meeting 2/18/64

"2/24/64

"The Palo Alto Branch of the Communist Party met at  
the home of DORIS DAWSON on 2/18/64. Those attending were  
[REDACTED] DORIS DAWSON, GERTRUDE ADLER, SARA ALCHERMES,  
MICHAEL SHAPOVALOV, FRANK SCHNEIDER and ELIZABETH NICHOLAS.

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"As usual the Peoples World fund drive is now the  
thing ELIZABETH has on the agenda. Also she brought up  
the coming elections in San Jose. She said they (the Party)  
must work for a minority candidate and they are planning  
to back some one named CASTRO and would the Palo Alto group  
help distribute literature on him. That idea was not well  
received by DORIS DAWSON, [REDACTED] and SARA ALCHERMES all  
of them remembering that the last trip to San Jose that

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CC: [REDACTED] b7C  
100-33801 (DORIS DAWSON) b7D  
100-25794 (GERTRUDE ADLER)  
100-7103 (SARA ALCHERMES)  
100-24948 (MICHAEL SHAPOVALOV)  
100-24017 (FRANK SCHNEIDER)  
100-418 (ELIZABETH NICHOLAS)  
97-27 (PW)  
100-22992 (ALICE RICHARDS)  
100-32465 [REDACTED]  
105-9555 (MELVYN ROBERTS)  
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ELIZABETH NICHOLAS got them involved in. To go back to the P.W. drive the quota Palo Alto took is \$500.00 as usual. An affair was discussed. DORIS DAWSON and [redacted] said they would ask ALICE RICHARDS if the club could use her place.

"Then DORIS DAWSON said she wanted to bring up something and ELIZABETH NICHOLAS said later--asusual. I knew that meant not at all. So as soon as a committee was organized and a date set for it to meet Fri. 6th & March at SARA ALCHERMES house providing SARA's husband agrees.

[redacted] then said that DORIS DAWSON wanted the floor and when she was thru that she (M.F.) had something to bring up. DORIS just wanted to report on the McGovern meeting she and [redacted] attended in San Francisco. Then [redacted] reported that she had seen HOLAND ROBERTS the other day and told her that Stanford Univ. was planning to put on the Merchant of Venice this summer and he wanted to know if there were any important people around Palo Alto who would sponsor a drive to ask that it not be put on. This of course interested SARA ALCHERMES and GERTRUDE ADLER and they said they would see what they could do. Then I don't know just how it started the fact of Palo Alto being so separate from San Jose was brought up again and this time SARA ALCHERMES, DORIS DAWSON and [redacted] all jumped ELIZABETH NICHOLAS. It was really funny because when DORIS D. and [redacted] realized that SARA ALCHERMES was also jumping ELIZABETH NICHOLAS she really got panned. I suppose she will bring it up at the next C.C. meeting.

"GERTRUDE ADLER then read a article from the S.F. Chronicle which said the KARL PRUSSIAN has his own L.P. "Inside a Communist Cell." [redacted] said she would get one. DORIS DAWSON is going to get one to take to China.

"The next meeting is on the 13th of March but I am not sure just where.

/s/ [redacted]

Informant interviewed 2/26/64 and advised address of meeting 107 E. Portola Avenue, Los Altos, Calif.

RECOMMENDATION: No action.

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